

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of the District’s 2023 Maintenance & Operations tax rate, and pursuant to Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(b-1), the District has not conducted an “efficiency audit” because the District is located in an area declared a disaster area by the Governor under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, within the two-year period prior to the date of this Order.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an Order establishing the procedure for conducting said Maintenance & Operations Tax Ratification Election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT;

Section 1. An election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voter approval of the Board’s adoption of Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.7892 per \$100.00 valuation.

Section 2. Places and times for Election Day voting are as set forth in the list of election day polling places to be approved by the Hidalgo County Elections Department and published by such Department in accordance with the Texas Election Code. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote on Election day at any early voting location.

Section 3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning Monday, October 23, 2023, and continuing through Friday, November 3, 2033, at the Places and Times for early voting to be approved by the Hidalgo County Elections Department and published by such Department in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location.

Section 4. The Ballot language for such election shall be as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

Section 5. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Hilda A. Salinas
Elections Administrator,
P.O. Box 659,
Edinburg, Texas 78540-0659

or

213 S. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, Texas 78539-4558

Section 6. The Presiding Election Judges and an Alternate Presiding Election Judge appointed to serve at said polling places shall be appointed in conformance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 7. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Texas Election Code.

Section 8. Hilda A. Salinas, Hidalgo County Elections Administrator, is appointed as early voting clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Hilda A. Salinas will be clerk and appoint other early voting clerks as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting at the main location.

Section 9. The Election Day Ballot language shall conform with the ballot language set forth in the attached Exhibit C.

Section 10. The Superintendent shall publish an Election Order and Notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in Hidalgo County, Texas.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with an Order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the Central Administrative Office in this School District, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

The call for election was moved and seconded and passed in regular session of the Board of Trustees. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted

“AYE”: 5

and the following voted

“NO”: 0

Other Votes, if any: _____


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of August 2023.

La Joya Independent School District

By:  _____

President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By:  _____

Secretary
Board of Trustees